

STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
Health AND **Human**
SERVICES

September 2, 2022

Rebecca Peterson, Chairperson
Iowa Council on Human Services

Dear Rebecca

The Department's budget request for state fiscal year 2024 (SFY24) is submitted for consideration by the Council on Human Services. The SFY24 request is largely status quo with the following exceptions: 1) Child and Family Services appropriation updated to reflect transfers to the Judicial Branch for Court Ordered Services and Graduated Sanctions consistent with child welfare legislation passed this last session, and 2) Mental Health and Disability Services Regional funding consistent with the standing appropriation. Many of our programs have experienced a surplus in the last couple of years due to fluctuations in caseloads and increased federal funding as a result of the pandemic. We will continue to monitor programs, services and operations and will work closely with the administration to ensure our overall budget needs are communicated.

Similar to last year, discussion during the Council meeting will focus on the executive summary documents and those programs where there are general fund budget changes. For more detailed and up-to-date program data, please see the [agency dashboards](#) available in the reports section under the about DHS tab of the [website](#).

Please review the enclosed documents prior to the Council meeting on September 14th. Our leadership team will be present at this meeting to respond to any questions you have. After your review and approval, the budget will be forwarded to the Governor. These documents will also be posted on the DHS website and accessible to individuals and organizations interested in our work on the day of the Council meeting.

Again, I look forward to meeting with you on September 14th.

Sincerely,

Kelly Garcia
Director

cc: Council Members